

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-8 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 6-8 have been added. No new matter has been presented.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Tajiri, U.S. Patent No. 5,727,009. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites that “openings are formed above and beneath the end of each of the leads which protrudes inside the end walls on upper and lower surfaces of the insulative frame.” Tajiri fails to teach or suggest this feature. Referring to Figs. 21 and 22 of Tajiri, it is clear that Tajiri does not provide openings on the lower surface of the insulative frame 54. Furthermore, the disclosure is silent with regard to whether any such openings are provided in the insulative frame 54. Accordingly, Tajiri fails to teach or suggest the features of claim 1.

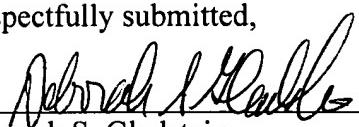
The remaining claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Newly added claim 6 recites “thick portions are formed on opposing side walls extending in a longitudinal direction of the insulative frame.” Tajiri fails to teach or suggest this feature. Again, referring to Fig. 21, the side walls extending in a longitudinal direction of the insulative frame 54 do not include a thick portion. Accordingly, newly added claims 6-8 are allowable over the cited art.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 204552030200.

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